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Theatre

Community Roots Youth Theatre *Bring a Child*

Saturday, September 15, 12 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center • 229-4800

Children and adults of all ages are invited to spend an afternoon of educational and social enrichment as Ms. Joe Ann Davis and Kweisi, gospel grandmother and grandson of JAD productions, sing, dance and tell stories.
Free



The Encore Follies

Saturday, September 15, 2 pm

**Reed Whipple Cultural Center
229-6211**

Twenty performers, ages 55-91, dazzle and entertain with songs and dances from Tony Award-winning musicals and comedic interludes.
\$7 adult, \$5 teens & seniors, \$3 children 12 & under



Let's Dance: A Romantic Musical Comedy *Starring Michael Kessler & Melinda Jackson*

Sunday, September 16, 3 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center • 229-6383

A dancin' man from the streets of New York discovers the girl of his dreams while he searches to leave his footsteps on the "the sands of time." A talented cast; the music of Gershwin, Porter, Berlin, Warren and Mercer; and a Latin band make this a show you won't want to miss.

\$10 adults, \$8 students



Michael Kessler & Melinda Jackson

Barbara C. Willingham's

The "Songs of Broadway" Company

Sunday, September 30, 3 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center • 229-6383

Six multi-talented singers and dancers perform dozens of classic show tunes in a high-energy, non-stop celebration of Broadway musicals.

\$10 advance, \$15 performance day



Rainbow Company Youth Theatre *My Neighbor, the Monster*

October 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 • 7 pm

October 7, 13, 14 • 2 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center • 229-6211

At the end of a darkly shadowed street sits a scary old house. But does this mean the strange man who lives there is a monster? Find out in the premier of this brand-new play when Timmy uncovers the secret of his mysterious neighbor. The story pulsates with suspense and entertaining visitations – perfectly riveting for ages 8 through adult.

\$7 adults, \$5 teens & seniors, \$3 children 12 & under



Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Audition *The Wizard of Oz*

Saturday, October 20, 1 pm

**Reed Whipple Cultural Center
229-6211**

Adults and young people age 9 and up are invited to audition for roles in the December production of this bewitching musical. Just dress comfortably and bring a prepared song.

Call **229-6553** for information.

Free



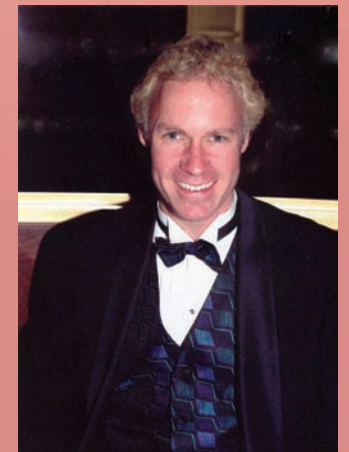
Just Outside the Spotlight Starring *Luke Yankee*

Sunday, October 28, 3 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center • 229-6211

Most people get to see Hollywood stars only on screen. Luke Yankee, son of Tony, Emmy and Oscar-winning actress Eileen Heckart, got to see them up close and personal. Yankee invites you into his world and shares showbiz gossip, behind-the-scenes tales, photographs and video clips of some of Hollywood's and Broadway's biggest stars. "...touching, hilarious and completely enthralling." - Rex Reed

\$10 advance, \$15 performance day



Music

On Fire in the Desert Mexican Independence Celebration Rick Arroyo and the Latin Percussion Ensemble

Saturday, September 8, 2-4 pm
West Las Vegas Arts Center
229-4800

Celebrate Mexican Independence listening to Rick Arroyo's 6-piece orchestra play Latin and straight-ahead jazz. Arroyo, who began his professional career at age 15, is well known in Las Vegas. He's played at several clubs, casinos and other locations; opened for world-class entertainers; and played and recorded with many of jazz's finest musicians. His band is joined by special guest dancers Latin Fashions.

Free



Hip Hop Culture Festival

Saturday, September 8, 6-10 pm (gates open at 5 pm)
Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park
720 Twin Lakes Drive

Bring blankets and lawn chairs for an evening of performances by local and regional emcees, B-Boys, and DJs, with guest appearances by national artists. Barbecue available for purchase. Call **229-1087** for information.

\$10

Bandstand Jam Series

Fridays, 7 pm

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center • 229-1515

Enjoy new "jam sessions" with some of Las Vegas' emerging artists who want to share music they find inspiring.

September 14 *Mariachi Perla de Oro*

October 12 *Peruvian Cultural Performance*

Free

Brass Roots Quintet*

Sunday, September 16, 3 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center • 229-6211

The quintet opens its eleventh season under the direction of Walt Boenig. The consummate professional musicians perform an exciting, eclectic mix of music that ranges from classical to contemporary.

Free, tickets required



Shapiro Project

Friday, September 21, 7 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

229-6211

Guitarist/composer Eugene Shapiro and his Las Vegas-based jazz quartet bring a fresh approach to the jazz idiom through new works and creative musicianship that gives their sound a sparkling vitality.

\$7 adults, \$5 seniors



Las Vegas Wind Quintet*

Sunday, October 7, 3 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

229-6211

Dave Hawley, clarinet; Sherrie Parker, flute; Mika Brunson, oboe/English horn; Doug Beasley, horn; and Sam Piscotta, bassoon, perform classical compositions.

Free, tickets required



Las Vegas Youth Orchestras

With Clark County School District and Friends of Las Vegas Youth Orchestras

Thursday, October 11, 6 pm

Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park

720 Twin Lakes Drive

All four ensembles perform in the first concert of the season. Students in 2nd-12th grades are selected for membership through auditions.

Visit www.lvyo.org or call **385-2838** for information.

\$7 adults, \$3 students, seniors, disabled

5th Annual Gospel Fest

With Las Vegas-Clark County Library District and Gospel Announcers Network

Saturday, October 13, 2-5 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center • 229-4800

Elder Henry Black Jr. is master of ceremonies for an outdoor concert of uplifting gospel music performed by some of Las Vegas' most talented praise and gospel artists.

Free



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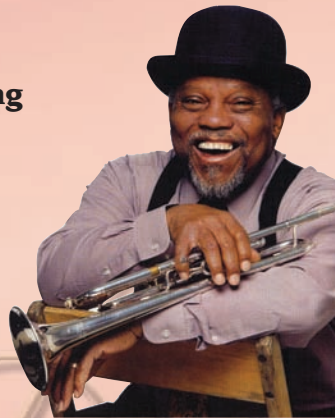
Music



Dynamic Trombone Quartet*
Saturday, October 13, 3 pm
 Charleston Heights Arts Center
 229-6383

Longtime Las Vegas professional musicians Walter Boenig, Hiroshi Suzuki, Dan Trinter and Dan Uhrich play a wide-ranging repertoire that embraces all styles of music. Selections may include pieces by Sousa, Brahms, Ravel, Ellington or Bach.

Free



Marcus Belgrave's Tribute to Louis Armstrong
Saturday, October 13, 8 pm (gates open 7 pm)
 Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park
 720 Twin Lakes Drive

Join us for this sparkling tribute to Louis Armstrong! Belgrave and his octet perform Armstrong's famous hits as well as classics from the 1920s. Bring a picnic and blanket or lawn chairs, but no pets, please.

Call **229-1087** for information.

\$10 advance, \$15 gate

United States Air Force Band of the Golden West
With Special Guest Boston Brass

Friday, October 19, 7:30 pm (gates open 6:30 pm)
 Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park
 720 Twin Lakes Drive

The Band of the Golden West, based at Travis Air Force Base, comprises 47 talented airmen-musicians under the command of Major R. Michael Mench. The band supports ten Air Force bases, five Air Force Reserve Wings, and five recruiting squadrons in over 500 annual performances and performs for civilian communities throughout the western states.

Boston Brass is setting new standards in entertainment. From exciting classical arrangements to breathtaking vocal harmonies and burning jazz standards, the band achieves new levels in brass performance, while treating audiences to a unique musical experience.

Free



Young Artists' Recital

Sunday, October 21, 3 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center • 229-6211

The young artist program provides talented young people ages 16-21 an opportunity to perform a solo concert in an intimate setting.

Free, tickets required

Jazz Picnic in the Park

Featuring Santa Fe and the Fat City Horns

With Las Vegas Jazz Society

Sunday, October 28, 12-4 pm (gates open 11 am)

Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza in Lorenzi Park

720 Twin Lakes Drive

Santa Fe and the Fat City Horns, a Las Vegas-based, 14-member R&B/funk/soul/salsa/jazz/fusion band founded by guitarist Jerome Lopez, an experienced musician, writer and producer. The core members of the band appeared in the Clint Holmes show at Harrah's Hotel and Casino, and several of the musicians are employed in other major casino shows around the city.

Free

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Film

Cine en el Centro Monthly Film Series

Thursdays, 6:30 pm

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center • 229-1515

Series curator and independent producer Luis Bonilla leads a discussion following each screening (films and discussion presented in Spanish).

September 20 Canoa

On September 14, 1968, in the mountainous town of San Miguel de Canoa, a group of employees from Puebla University set out on a hiking excursion. A domineering local priest mistook them for communist agitators and incited townspeople to riot, which resulted in the brutal murders of several of the young men. 1976, not rated, 115 minutes

October 18 El Norte

The film presents a realistic picture of the Guatemalan government's oppression of the Quiche Indians and the hard life of illegal immigrants in the United States. After the Guatemalan army destroys their village, two teenage Quiche Mayan Indian siblings make their way to Los Angeles where they discover the impossible realities of life as illegal immigrants. 1983, R, 139 minutes

Free



Community Gallery
Urban Sol: Chaos and Conformity
 Artwork by Stanley Slaughter Jr.

September 1-October 14

Reception: Saturday, September 1, 2 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center • 229-4800

Stanley Slaughter's artwork expresses his fascination with urban culture, identity, color, music and symbolism. He has been dubbed the "Spike Lee of contemporary art" by collectors, and his work has been widely exhibited both nationally and internationally.

Free

Fridays, September 21, 7:30 pm & October 19, 7 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center • 229-4800

Keith Brantley hosts a forum for established poets and open mic participants.

Free

Tales of Our America

(Cuentos de Nuestra America)

Saturday, September 22, 3 pm

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

229-1515

International storyteller Zien believes in transcending borders through the sharing of multicultural tales. Listen to traditional stories from his native Colombia, Latin America and the Caribbean, stories that illustrate a dynamic family identity of Hispanic roots and the richness of the Spanish language. Introduction in English and Spanish; stories in Spanish.

\$3, children 5 & under free



Saturday, September 29, 1 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center • 229-4800

Senegal-born Dr. Diouf has done extensive research into African music and tribal and ceremonial dancing. When he started his first dance company as a child in Senegal, his inspiration was his aunt, the great Senegalese griot Coura Thiau, who single-handedly took African culture from the village to the stage. Dr. Diouf received an Emmy for his part in writing the musical score for Alex Haley's *Roots*.

Free



Friday, October 5, 7-9 pm

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center • 229-1515

Bring the family to celebrate the rich Latino culture. Numerous local Hispanic organizations participate in an evening of music, dance, poetry, and arts and crafts displays.

Free

Saturday, October 6, 3-5 pm

& Sunday, October 7, 3 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center • 229-4800

A weekend dedicated to bringing people of all races together to celebrate the things that make us all swing ...jazz music and dance.

October 6 *Lindy Hop Dance Workshop with Instructor Frankie Manning*

Swing dancer extraordinaire Frankie Manning was a leading dancer at Harlem's legendary Savoy Ballroom where, in the mid-1930s, he revolutionized the course of the lindy hop with his innovations, including the lindy air step and synchronized ensemble lindy routine. Considered the world's leading authority on the lindy, he is highlighted in Ken Burns' acclaimed documentary, *Jazz*. *\$10*

October 7 *Queen of Swing Documentary*

With Las Vegas-Clark County Library District

Host Norma Miller with the Woody Woods Quartet

West Las Vegas Library Theatre

951 West Lake Mead Boulevard

Norma Miller, the Queen of Swing, is an author, choreographer, dancer, comedian and actor whose career spans over seven decades. Discovered at the age of twelve by the Savoy Ballroom's legendary dancer Twist Mouth George, Ms. Miller has been in show business ever since. In 2003 the National Endowment for the Arts awarded her a National Heritage Foundation Fellowship for her role in creating and continuing to preserve "the acrobatic style swing dance, known as the lindy hop." Watch the story of this inspiring woman who is still vibrantly young at age 86.

Free

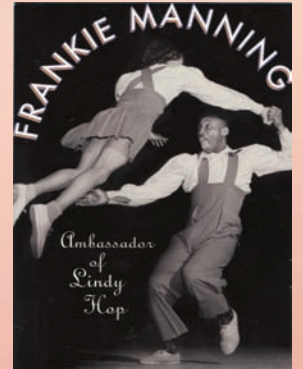
With Univision Radio and local businesses and organizations

Saturday, October 27, 5-7:30 pm

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center • 229-1515

Dress in costume for a safe night of trick-or-treat booths, carnival games, "Monster Mash" dance contests, costume parade and prizes.

Free



Let's Dance

Labor Day Dance with Carl Grove Combo

Saturday, September 1, 7-10 pm
Charleston Heights Arts Center
229-6383

Celebrate the last of summer's holidays dancing to favorite music of yesteryear played by tenor saxophonist Carl Grove, trumpet and flugelhorn player Dick Guider, drummer Bob Grundy, and keyboardist Peter Urquidi. Marsha K provides vocals.

\$10 advance, \$12 performance day



Saturday Contra Dancing

With Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers

Saturdays, September 15 & 29, October 20, 7-10 pm
Charleston Heights Arts Center • 229-6383

An acoustic band plays joyful fiddle tunes, driving reels, and a waltz or two, reminiscent of New England and frontier barn dances, but with a modern twist. Wear comfortable flat-soled shoes and casual clothing for a lively evening of dancing. No partner needed; newcomers and families welcome! All dances are taught and called.

\$7 adults; \$5 members, students & military;
\$3 children under 16 and non-dancing adults



Halloween Dance Don Burke Dance Band

Saturday, October 27, 7-10 pm
Charleston Heights Arts Center
229-6383

Dress in costume and dance to music from the 1940s-'60s, including swing, ballads, waltzes, Latin and more.

\$10 advance, \$12 performance day

15th Annual Blue Moon Ball Island Nights with Boyd Coulter and the Good Times Band

Presented by the Senior Citizen Programs Division

Friday, September 28, 6:30-10 pm
East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center
229-1515

Put on your dancing shoes, your evening "island attire," and enjoy dancing to favorite music from yesterday to today. Light refreshments served.

\$10



Explore your creative side!
Dozens of classes available.
Call any center for a schedule.

*Participation in the arts plays a role in
 healthy living. Join us today!*



Las Vegas Arts Connection • 229-1087

Need a speaker? We can come to you with the latest information on the numerous, diverse programs offered by the Arts & Community Events Division.

The Charleston Heights Arts Center and Reed Whipple Cultural Center
 feature rotating exhibitions by national, regional and local artists.
 All are free and open to the public. Call **229-4674** for information.

The East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center
 features Occupied Space, a juried exhibit by local artists that
 is a public art project of the Las Vegas Arts Commission.

Arts Centers

Charleston Heights Arts Center
 800 South Brush Street, 229-6383
 Tu-Fr, 11 am-9 pm, Sa/Su, 10 am-6 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center
 821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, 229-6211
 Tu-Fr, 11 am-9 pm, Sa, 10 am-6 pm

**East Las Vegas Community/
 Senior Center**
 250 North Eastern Avenue, 229-1515
 M, 9 am-6 pm, Tu-Fr, 9 am-9 pm,
 Sa, 10 am-6 pm, closed Sunday

West Las Vegas Arts Center
 947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, 229-4800
 Tu-Fr, 11 am-9 pm, Sa, 10 am-6 pm

Community Events

Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza, park and other locations
 749 Veterans Memorial Drive, 229-1087
 Tu-Sa, 9 am-5 pm

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